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Expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the summit of Arab heads of state being held in Cairo beginning on June 21, 1996.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 1996

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. BROWN, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Benjamin Netanyahu was elected to the position of Prime Minister of Israel on May 29, 1996;

Whereas Prime Minister-elect Netanyahu presented his cabinet for approval to the Israeli Knesset on June 18, 1996;

Whereas the guidelines of the new Government of Israel specifically state: “The Government of Israel will work to broaden the circle of peace with all of its neighbors.”;

Whereas Egyptian President Mubarak has invited heads of state of Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros, Djibouti, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, the

United Arab Emirates, Yemen, and the Palestine Liberation Organization to attend an Arab summit in Cairo beginning on June 21, 1996; and

Whereas President Clinton has stated his hope that Arab leaders who attend this summit will “give Mr. Netanyahu an opportunity to constitute his government and set a policy and not presume that we can’t pursue peace.”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate urges the governments at-
2 tending the June 21, 1996, summit in Cairo, and other
3 governments in the Middle East to—

4 (1) reaffirm their commitment to a comprehen-
5 sive peace in the Middle East;

6 (2) express their willingness to work with the
7 democratically elected Government of Israel in the
8 pursuit of a meaningful peace; and

9 (3) refrain from statements directed against the
10 new Israeli government that might create an atmos-
11 phere in the region unfavorable to a continuation of
12 the peace process.

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